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SUBJ: GODR REQUEST FOR CORN UNDER PL 480 TITLE 1

1. P L 480 TITLE I AGREEMENT WITH DR SIGNED 28 SEPT 77 PROVIDED US \$2.6 MILLION FOR PURCHASING 30,000 METRIC TONS US CORN. AT REQUEST OF GODR SUBSEQUENT PURCHASE AUTHORIZATION ISSUED FOR ONLY 15,000 TONS BECAUSE PORT FACILITIES LIMITED AND CONGESTED AND SMALL LOCAL CORN CROP HARVESTED AND MARKETED IN DEC. DELIVERY PERIOD UNDER AGREEMENT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY EXTENDED THROUGH 31 JAN 77. PURCHASES OF FIRST 15,000 TONS NOW COMPLETED AND DELIVERY SCHEDULED PRIOR 31 JAN 78.

2. GODR HAS NOW FORMALLY REQUESTED EXTENSION OF DELIVERY PERIOD THROUGH 30 APR 78 TO ALLOW PURCHASE OF REMAINING 15,000 TONS OF CORN WHICH INCLUDED ORIGINAL P L 480 AGREEMENT. WHEN APPROVED, THIS SCHEDULE WOULD PERMIT PURCHASES EARLY FEB AND DELIVERY TWO CARGOS CORN MARCH AND APRIL RESPECTIVELY.

3. COMMENT. EMBASSY REALIZES THIS REQUEST NECESSITATES AMENDING THE AGREEMENT AGAIN AND ISSUANCE OF ANOTHER PURCHASE AUTHORIZATION. HOWEVER, CLEAR NEED EXISTS FOR REQUESTED CORN AND PROBLEMS LEADING TO DELAYS IN OBTAINING INITIAL 15,000 TONS HAVE NOW BEEN RESOLVED, UNCLASSIFIED

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LOCAL CORN CROP HAS BEEN MARJETERED AND GODR OFFICIALS HAVE HAD EXPERIENCE OF PURCHASING UNDER THE PROGRAM. BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PICTURE REMAINS GLOOMY FOR 1978 AND ANNUAL NEED FOR IMPORTED CORN IS RISING. THE REQUESTED DELIVERY SCHEDULE FOR REMAINING 15,000 TONS CORN HAS BEEN COORDINATED BETWEEN VARIOUS INTERESTED GODR AGENCIES AND IS RATIONAL AND WORKABLE. EMBASSY STRONGLY URGES FAVORABLE ACTION TO AMEND AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE REMAINING

15,000 TONS CORN AND EXTEND DELIVERY PERIOD THROUGH 30 APR 78.  
EMBASSY STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY BELMON AMENDMENT AND INFORMATION  
REQUIRED BY OPERATIONS DIVISION USDA/OGSM FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.  
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